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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

TETSUYA FUKUNAGA : :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 3, line 2, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 2, replace "any one of Claims 1 to 3" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 2, delete "or 4".

Claim 6, line 2, delete "or 2".

Claim 7, line 2, replace "any one of Claims 1 to 6" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 2, delete "or 2".

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are active in this application.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter is believed to have been added to this application by these amendments.

Applicant submits that the present application is ready for examination on the merits.

Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

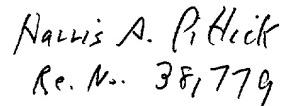
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